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SUBJECT: BANANAS- LATIN PREPARATORY MEETINGS FOR FIFTH SESSION

REF: STATE 96078; SAN JOSE 1708

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT MEETING WITH BOTH PRIVATE GROWER AND GOG DELEGATE (STEIGER FROM BANK GUATEMALA). STEIGER DESCRIBED GOG POSITION RE GOALS SOUGHT BY MEETING ORGANIZERS AS " CAUTIOUS RESERVE BUT NOT OUTRIGHT OPPOSITION". GOG ESPECIALLY WARY ANY ATTEMPT RESTRICT PRODUCTION GIVEN FACT IT HAS UNDERWAY AND IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMITTED TO PROGRAMS EXPAND GUATEMALA PRODUCTION. STEIGER ALSO SAID GOG RESENTED FACT SAN JOSE MEETING WAS LAST MINUTE AFFAIR THAT PERMITTED PARTICIPANTS NO TIME PREPARE POSITIONS. HE CLAIMED GUATEMALA WOULD NOT ATTEND ANY SIMILAR FUTURE MEETINGS UNLESS MONTH LEAD TIME AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS PROVIDED. SINCE OTHER DELEGATES SHARED THIS VIEW, HE FELT DAVID, PANAMA MEETING WOULD BE POSTPONED, OR EVEN CANCELLED.

2. INTEREST IN SAN JOSE MEETING AMONG GUATEMALAN GROWERS WAS AROUSED BY RODOLFO GUARDIAN, COSTA RICAN GROWER, WHO APPARENTLY ORGANIZED SEVERAL PRELIMINARY MEETINGS IN GUATEMALA. GURDIAN'S PITCH APPARENTLY WAS THAT MAIN FOCUS OF MEETING WOULD BE TO DEVISE MECHANISM WHEREBY MARKETING COMPANIES WOULD BE REQUIRED PAY INDEPENDENT GROWERS FIFTY CENTS BOX MORE. SINCE THIS ISSUE REPORTEDLY WAS NOT DISCUSSED AT MEETING, GUARDIAN MAY HAVE SOME EXPLAINING TO DO IF HE EXPECTS MAINTAIN SUPPORT OF GUATEMALAN GROWERS. DECONTROL AFTER 5/24/74.
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